

## **REMARKS**

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006. Reconsideration of this application in view of the below remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4 – 7 and 10 – 15 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 7 and 13 – 15 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claims 14 and 15 are canceled.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 4 – 7 and 10 – 13 contain subject matter that is patentably distinct over the prior art, and thus are allowed.


Applicant respectfully maintains that Claims 14 and 15, rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly reciting non-statutory subject matter, recite statutory matter in accordance with the “Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility”, published November 22, 2005, Annex IV(c), para. 7, and thus would be allowable. However, in an effort to advance prosecution, Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled by way of the present amendment.

### CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1, 4 – 7 and 10 – 13 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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